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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE, BEFORE PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE PURSUANT to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 (a)

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Dear Sir:

A Notice of Allowance has been received in the above-identified application but the issue fee has not, as of yet, been paid. Applicant hereby respectfully requests that on recommendation of the Examiner and approval by the Commissioner that this amendment be entered.

In the Related Application Data section, please replace the first paragraph with the following:

## RELATED APPLICATION DATA

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/490,761 (Attorney Docket No. CISCP131), filed on January 24, 2000, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/606,503 (Attorney Docket No. CISCP145), filed June 28, 2000, which claims priority under 35 USC 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/159,085 (Attorney Docket No. CISCP131P), filed on October 13, 1999. The present application is also related to U.S. Patent Application Serial Nes. No. 09/894,958 (Attorney Docket No. CISCP221), filed concurrently herewith, naming John Chapman as inventor. Each of these applications is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.